TRACY ADVISES EX-SHERIFF TO HOLD ON TO BOOKS, PAPERS AND REC

ORDS-THE DOORS UNBARRED.

There will be no unseemly wrangle for pos-gession of the office of the Sheriff of Kings County. Colonel Norman S. Dike, who has been appointed Sheriff to succeed Charles Guden, removed, said last night that he would make no physical attempt to oust Mr. Guden, who, upon advice from his counsel, General Benjamin F. Tracy, will "retain the books, records and papers of the office." Mr. Dike received his commission as Sheriff from the Governor last night, but will not be sworn in before to-morrow or Tuesday. To-morrow Colonel Dike will meet Mr. Guden, when, with their respective counsels, they will discuss the situation and try to come to some amicable understanding.

General Tracy has advised Mr. Guden that there are two courses of action open to him. He can apply for a writ of certiorari to review the Governor's action, or he can wait and let Colonel Dike apply for a writ of mandamus compelling the delivery of the office to him Colonel Dike has received a letter from General Tracy in which the latter says that he has advised Mr. Guden that the Governor has no power under the constitution to remove him.

It is evident that General Tracy wants to throw the settlement of the case into the courts. This Colonel Dike does not want to occur, for obvious reasons. Should he get a writ of mandamus to compel Mr. Guden to give up the office the question could be carried to the higher courts, and it would be several months before it could be settled. This would, of course, be a detriment and hindrance to public business. From what Colonel Dike said last night it is not improbable that should Mr. Guden refuse to give up the office without legal action Mr. Dike will establish himself in some other part of the Courthouse and assume the duties and functions as the Sheriff of Kings County under the warrant issued to him by Governor Odell. At all events, Colonel Dike is not worrying over the situation, and he says that he does not intend to map out any course of action until after he has had a conference with Mr. Guden to-morrow, "I don't believe that General Tracy, as repre-

senting Mr. Guden, will make any move that may bring discredit upon Governor Odell or the Republican party," he said, "or that will interfere with a dignified and satisfactory solution of the controversy. I expect to meet Mr. Guden's representatives on Monday. I will be represented by counsel, as will Mr. Guden, and the whole situation will be gone over thor-

Colonel Dike added that he had a long con-ference with Lieutenant Governor Woodruff, yesterday afternoon regarding the Sheriff's of-fice, and that it was decided not to proceed with undue haste.

"As a lawyer," he said, "I think that the de-

MAY OPEN ANOTHER OFFICE.

cision of Governor Odell is a strong one-clear, forcible and convincing. I do not believe that eny court has the jurisdiction to review the decision or to act on it in any way whatsoever. I suppose I might begin certiorari proceedings at I do not expect to. If it becomes necessary I shall simply go into the courthouse and establish myself in an office, which will be the

Colonel Dike said that Governor Odell had left him absolutely free as to the conduct of the office, and that it would be his policy to surround himself with men of high characater and ability. There would be some removals, he said, but he expected to retain all of the staff who seemed fitted for the positions they held. It is hardly likely that Under Sheriff William H. Sandford will be retained.

Colonel Dike received his commission as Sheriff at 3 o'clock yesterday afternoon. The letter that he received from General Tracy is as fol-

observed in the public press that the Gov-

As counsel for Mr. Guden, I have advised him that the Governor has no power under the Consti-tution and laws of this State to remove him from office upon the charges recently preferred against him, and that he is, notwithstanding such order of His Excellency the Governor, still Sheriff of the County of Kings, bound to discharge its duties and to retain possession of its books, papers and rec-

ords.

I am aware that this raises a grave constitutional question, which can only finally be settled by
the courts of the State. I am sure that you, equally
with myself, must desire to avoid any unseemly
contest over this office. To this end I have suggested to Mr. Guden that he facilitate any application you may be advised to make to the courts to
obtain possession of the office, its books, papers and
records.

Colonel Dike said that he had no comment to make on the letter. In an interview General Tracy elaborated somewhat on his conviction that the Governor had no right to remove the Sheriff. "The Governor," said General Tracy, "bases his action upon the alleged misfeasance or neglect of duty in office of Mr. Guden, but there were no such charges filed against the Sheriff. The Governor does not find these al-leged charges sustained, but recites that for the

leged charges sustained, but recites that for the good of the people be removes the man elected by them from the office of Sheriff.

He was not justified in what he did. It is not constitutional to force a man out of his office for something he might have done before he entered that office. Under the circumstances, I believe that the exercise of force on Mr. Guden's part is justifiable.

part is justifiable.

Mr. Guden arrived at his office in the court-Mr. Guden arrived at his office in the court-house earlier than usual yesterday morning, where he found his trusty guard still on duty. When the doors had been opened to let him in, they were locked and barred again, and no one except attachés of the office were permitted in-side until 10 o'clock. It was evident that Mr. Guden was still somewhat confused as to what was his proper course to pursue

THE DOORS OPENED.

It was not until after he had been told in vigorous language by Jere Wernberg, whom he has retained as junior counsel to General Tracy, that be was acting in a foolish and unnecessary manned that the doors were opened and persons allowed to go inside to transact their business. The Sheriff's office has usually been opened at o'clock, and after that hour yesterday a half dozen or more lawyers' clerks and others de-manded admission for the transaction of their business. In each case the door, which was kept from being forced entirely open by a large chain, was opened just enough to allow some of the Sheriff's clerks to inquire as to the busi-ness of the visitor. Some of them wanted exe-cutions and others had business of another cutions, and others had business of another nature to transact. They were left to cool their

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DIKE MAY OPEN OFFICE. heels in the corridor while the papers were taken inside and attended to. At 10 o'clock this foolish business was stopped, and after that any one wishing to transact public business had

any one wishing to transact public business had no trouble in getting in.

Guden was at his home in Dean-st. last night, but he said that he did not care to be interviewed, and that he had left his affairs in the hands of General Tracy and Jere Wernberg, who had a conference in Manhattan yesterday afternoon. Mr. Wernberg said last night that he agreed with the view of the case taken by General Tracy, and that there was nothing further to say until after the conference with Colonel Dike to-morrow.

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Lieutenant Governor Woodruff had a long conference at the Brooklyn Club yesterday afternoon with Colonel Dike and others who are interested in the Sheriff trouble. He said that he would use his influence to get Mr. Guden to leave the office without a fight, but those who understand the stubbornness of the ex-Sheriff are sure that even the Lieutenant Governor's wonderfully persuasive powers will be of little avail when it comes to attempting to move Mr. Guden to any concession.

Michael J. Dady when seen yesterday afternoon by a Tribune reporter was disinclined to discuss the removal of Guden. He spoke only in monosyllables, and said that he was in a hurry to get away. He was asked if the Republican organization in Kings County would support Mr. Guden tha is fight to retain his place.

"Guden has made a fool of himself," said Mr. Dady, "and he'll have to fight his own battles." "Is Colonel Dike's appointment satisfactory to the organization?" he was asked.

"Don't ask me. I'm in a great hurry."

SLEUTHING AFTER SHEEHAN. last night.

TAMMANY AGENTS WATCHING THE DO-INGS OF THE GREATER NEW-YORK DEMOCRACY.

Lewis Nixon admitted to a Tribune reporter last night that his information about the methods and proceedings at the primaries of the Greater New-York Democracy were secured first hand. For some time it has been patent to any one who followed the various meetings of the independent Democrats that a large number of familiar faces were to be seen at each meeting. This was particularly illustrated at the primary election in the XVIIth Assembly District last Thursday night, when Tammany men were present in considerable numbers, and took a part in the voting.

When Mr. Nixon's attention was called to this particular meeting, he said, rather grimly: "Yes, that was quite a meeting. I understand that nearly all the thugs in the city were there."

"Well, I notice a good many of your people be following these pretty closely, and with the same men. "Well, I guess you have got that all right,"

said the Tammany leader, with a grin, Last night was Mr. Nixon's night off.

"Like the servant girls and the help, I rest to-night," said he.

His rest did not begin until late, however, for he divided honors with Prince Henry, holding his court in the lobby at the Waldorf-Astoria. Among those who attended his levee was a man who had a mysterious and important message to deliver. Retiring into a secluded corner with the leader, he talked in stage whis-

pers.
"Tell me what you want—tell me what you want!" said Mr. Nixon, impatiently. Then the stranger whispered some more. At last the patience of the genial boss was exhausted, and, referring the mysterious stranger to his secre-tary, he fled.

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would be devoted to the completion of his tour of the Assembly districts.

"I have only ten left," said he, "but, as I have two dinners on next week, I shall not finish them until the following week."

RUSHING WORK ON WARSHIPS.

PHENOMENAL PROGRESS ON THOSE UNDER CONSTRUCTION AT THE UNION IRON WORKS.

Washington, March 8 .- A phenomenal advance in the work on some of the war vessels building at the Union Iron Works, San Francisco, is the feature of the monthly progress report issued by Admiral Bowles, chief of the Eureau of Construction and Repair, to-day. The report shows a gain in February of 12 per cent on the battleship Ohio, 20 per cent on the protected cruiser Tacoma and 5 per cent on the monitor Wyoming. Moreover, 1 per ent of the work on the armored cruiser California, which vessel had formerly been the only one of that class of vessels showing no start, was com that during the prevalence of the strike at San Francisco a great mass of material had been accumulated and made ready for placing, and with the ending of the strike and the return of the men to work it has been possible within the last month to make a great change in the status of the work on the vessels at the Union Iron Works.

SANDS TO SUCCEED ADMIRAL HOWELL. Washington, March &-Captain James H. Sands a member of the Naval Retiring Board, has been selected to succeed Rear Admiral J. A. Howell who will be placed on the retired list in a few days, as president of that board.

ITS FIRST ANNUAL SMOKER.

The Greater New-York Democracy Club of the XXVIIth Assembly District will give its first annual smoker at the clubroom, No. 138 West Forty-second-st., on Tuesday night next.

AN OLD PURSER RETIRES

William Field, the purser of the Cunard steamer Lucania, which arrived here yesterday from Liver pool, on her last voyage, left the vessel at Liverpool to retire from the service of the line. He had connected with it since 1857, serving on many o different ships.

TROUBLE ON MONDAY MORNING You certainly can avoid it by checking off to-day those of the "Little Ads, of the Peo-ple" which you have decided to look into.

LECTURE ON SLAVE SONGS.

Mrs Jeannette Robinson Murphy, formerly of Louisville, Ky., has been doing much literary and musical work recently in the field of African music and voudooism in America. She has proved to her own satisfaction that the origin of the music of the ante-bellum negro is purely African. To-mor-row afternoon she will give a musical lecture at Carnegie Hall, in which she will appear in "mammy" costume-homespun dress apron, cap and kerchief. In this and other characteristic dress sh sings lullables, religious and other airs. She will also talk on voudooism, a form of superstition which she has found to exist all over the South She will also sing three original and unpublished songs—"Conceit," "Where Love Strikes" and "Kentucky Girls." Her slave songs and folklore she has taken directly from the lips of ex-slaves in field, cabin and "prayers house."

APPEALS FOR CHARITY.

The Charity Organization Society appeals for as sistance in the following cases of need: For \$10 a month to pay the rent of an Italian family, consisting of a mother and eight children, six of whom are between the ages of one and thirteen years The husband, a consumptive, is unable to contribute to their support, and is out of the city as a safeguard to the family's health. For the sum of \$100 to aid in the support of a German family. The mother, a widow, has been an invalid for some years, but is anxious to retain her home. There are three children, and only one is able to aid in the support of the family. The mother is well fitted to rear and care for the children.

The society wishes to renew the following appeals: For the rent for one year, at \$8 a month, for a blind and partially insane mother and her daughter who cares for her. The mother receives the blind pension from the city and the daughter earns a partial support at sewing, but their present income will not cover their rent. For \$100 to pay \$6 a month rent for an Italian widow with four young children. The woman earns a little, but cannot keep her family together without additional cannot keep her family together without additional aid. Any money for the above cases sent to the Charity Organization Society, No. 105 East Twenty-second-st. will be duly and publicly acknowledged. The society acknowledges with thanks the receipt of the following contributions in response to recent appeals: "A. "25; Horace Waters, "O. W. and William C. Lobenstine, \$20 each; John H. Cuthbert, N. Witherell and Egerton Winthrop, \$10 each, Mrs. N. Utherell, \$5 a month; "R. "36; Mrs. John Ellis Blake, "A. L. B." and "Mrs. W. J. O.," \$5 each; "R. F." \$3; Morris S. Schulman, \$1.

SHORT SERMONS.

Ench of those "Little Ads. of the People" is a sermon in itself.

TO EQUALIZE SALARIES.

MERIT, NOT PULL, THE STANDARD IN THIS ADMINISTRATION.

Controller Grout took home with him from his office yesterday afternoon a list of all the clerks in his department, with their respective salaries. Last night, when seen by a Tribune reporter, Mr. Grout was working on this list, with a view to equalizing, as far as possible, the salaries of his employes. He had found in his investigation of his office since January 1 that some of the clerks, those with political influence behind them, were advanced beyond their deserts, and that others having no influence were not rewarded with salary increases as they should have been.

His plan is to pay his men according to their ability and merit, and to disregard the requests of politicians to favor specially certain of the Mr. Grout said that the heads of all departments were pursuing a similar coarse, and that at the meeting of the Board of Estimate and Apportionment, on March 25, the subject would be taken up for consideration. He was not certain that there would be any great reduction in the budget as a result of this move, though this was possible. He said

I am now at work on papers from my office, and I am going to try to make things just. It is an extremely difficult problem to handle, and not a very pleasant one. There are many cases where men having sufficient influence have been specially favored in the matter of salaries, and men not have a continuous sufficience. and men not having influence have not been advanced as they deserved to be. This it is my task to adjust. It does not mean a cutting down of every employe of the city, but a general equalization on the lines of justice. I believe that the heads of all other departments will apply the same rule to their employes.

PUTNAM TRAINS TO BATTERY.

THE NEW-YORK CENTRAL PLANNING THROUGH SERVICE FROM YONKERS.

In addition to the plan for a loop under the Grand Central Station, the installation of electricity as a metive power on suburban trains and the use of the side tunnels under Park-ave. for local trains the directors of the New-York Central Railroad have under consideration a were there," said the reporter. "You seem to plan for equipping electrically the Putnam division and running trains downtown over the Ninth-ave elevated road from One-Hundredand-fifty-fifth-st. Recently Alfred Skitt, general manager of the Manhattan Railway Company, has been in consultation with E. V. W. Rossiter and other officials of the New-York Central, and it is believed that a plan for using the Ninth-ave, line for trains of the Putnam division is practically completed.

The report yesterday was that one fare would be charged from any place in Manhattan Borough to Yonkers. This was denied by those in a position to know, and the statement was made that if such a traffic arrangement was made there would be a transfer charge, just the same as now exists between the Manhattan and the Third-ave, surface lines, although the amount of transfer fare would probably be more than three cents. Of course, this project cannot be carried out until the Manhattan begins to use its electric trains, but that will be soon. The scheme provides for an electrical equipment of the trains on the Putnam division identical with that of the elevated trains, so that the connection at One-hundred-and-lifty-fifth-st. can be made without change or transfer.

When the Manhattan is running electric trains

When the Manhattan is running electric trains the road will nave a greater capacity than at prosent, an trains can run more rapidly and under shorter headway, can stop and start more quickly and altogether be moved more speedily than is now possible. It was denied yesterday that any absoption of the elevated by the New-York Central was contemplated, but that traffic rights would be secured, and the arrangement would leave the integrity of the two corporations unimpaired.

unimpaired.

This plan has been under consideration for some time, but it is said that the final arrangements will not be made until William K. Vanderbilt returns from Europe. In the mean time work on changing the tunnel and preparing for the electrical equipment of the suburban service will be pushed rapidly. None of the officials of the New York Central would talk yesterday about this union at One-hundred-and-fifty-fifth-st. between the elevated and the Putnam division, but such a traffic arrangement is said to be a certainty in the near future.

A MYSTERIOUS DISAPPEARANCE.

RELATIVES THINK MISSING MAN WALKED AWAY AFTER BEING HURT AT HIS OWN DOOR,

Robert Hopper, twenty-nine years old, of No. 100 harlton-st., has been missing from his home since a week ago Thursday, and a general alarm was ent out for him yesterday. About 2 a. m. on the Sent out for him yesterday. Alone of the house at No. 100 Chariton-at heard the noise of a fall, and going into the first floor hall with candles, saw a man lying at the foot of the stairs with his feet man lying at the foot of the stairs with his feet on the lowest step. A man named O'Connor, living on the first floor, said the man was Hopper. The others thought the man looked like a stranger, Nobody helped the man or tried to find out if he was hurt, and he was left lying there. In the morning he had disappeared.

Hopper's folks think he was hurt, probably by a fall, and that it was he who was in the hallway. He walked out again, they believe, while his mind was deranged. The morgue, a number of hospitals and other institutions have been visited, but no trace of him has been found.

HAD TWENTY-ONE STROKES OF PARALYSIS.

MAN WHO FELL OR JUMPED FROM FERRYBOAT

DISCHARGED IN COURT. Alexander W. Hall, of No. 259 West One-hundred

and-thirtieth-st. who either jumped or fell from the ferryboat Buffalo, of the West Shore Line, as the vessel was entering her slip at West Fortythe vessel was entering act sain at west relay-second-st. on Friday night, was discharged yester-day by Magistrate Meade, in the West Side Court. It was said that the man had been mentally un-sound for about three years, but was harmless. His nephew said that Hall had had twenty-one strokes of paralysis. He is a scientist, and has written a number of books.

IN AID OF HAHNEMANN HOSPITAL. The women interested in the Hahnemann Hospital the hospital at the Manhattan Hotel on next Tues

Mrs. Gardner Wetherbee, chairman of the c Mrs. Gardner Weinerse, Israida of the mittee, is assisted by Mrs. A. B. Darling, Mrs. Howard Carroll, Mrs. Henry C. Fling, Mrs. John R. Stanton and Mrs. Samuel J. Drake, who will pre-side at tables well supplied with fancy articles. Mrs. side at tables well supplied with fancy articles. Mrs. George W. White will have the table with sofa cushions. Mrs. Julius Seymour and Mrs. William B. De Haven are to sell flowers from a picturesque booth, Mrs. Willard G. Frailek has the art table in her care and Mrs. Samuel D. Miller, with Miss Annie Hauck, has charge of the wheel of fortune. Mrs. Clark Bell, Mrs. George W. Powers and Mrs. Arthur B. Cossart will have groceries and household sundries, and Mrs. H. Durant 'Incever will be in the tea room with Mrs. I. Stiebel and Miss Trautman. Special attractions have been provided for young people, these being under the care of Mrs. Clinton L. Bagg, Mrs. De Guerville and Miss Spraker.

Spraker. A marician, whose many tricks with birds and rabbits, flags and flowers will appeal to young and old, and a little mouse, Masser Howell Drake, with a big round cheese full of toys for girls and boys are some of the features of the fair.

COMBINED REVIEW BY CAPTAIN COGHLAN. Members of Company D. of the 13th Regiment, cond Naval Battalion and the Regimental Band will unite in a review on next Tucsday night at the regimental armory before Captain J. B. Coghlan, U. S. N. A band concert will precede the drill. Lieutenant E. M. Harman will have charge of the physical drill. Lieutenant Crossing will command the Naval Battalion in its drill, and Captain Sydney Grant will command the battalion during the review. Commander Ford will command the combined force at the evening parade.

NEW FRANCO-AMERICAN CLUB. At a meeting of a special committee on organiza-

new Franco-American club, known as Le Cercle a new Franco-American club, known as Le Cercle Franco-American, was formed, with a membership of one hundred, including lawyers, physicians and business men. The following officers were elected: Dr. H. H. Kane, president; Dr. F. T. Labadie, vice-president; Professor Ferdinand de Franco, secretary, and Benjamin Wood, treasurer. Social gatherings are to be held every Saturday night, with recitations, conferences, dialogues, music, etc.

BARTENDER'S LIFE DESPAIRED OF-

who is employed as a bartender in Patrick Keary's saloon, at Ninetleth-st. and Third-ave., was taken to the Presbyterian Hospital in a dying condition last night, as the result of a shooting and general free fight in the saloon. Fay was shot in the throat, the bullet entering his Adam's apple and boring its way through to his spine, where it lodged. The hospital doctors said there was little chance of his recovery Charles Crook, a motorman, of No. 177 East Ninetieth-st, who is alleged to have done the shooting, is a prisoner in Bellevue Hospital. He had been badly used in the fight. The saloon was a wreck when the trouble ceased. The police said the affair was worthy of a Western mining camp. Clubs were used and glasses

Crook entered the saloon with George Tudor, a newspaper dealer of No. 1,681 First-ave. They had not been there long, the police say, before they began to abuse Fay. Tudor, it is alleged, started the fight by throwing a glass at Fay. The bartender advanced from behind the bar with a club and endeavored to put Tudor outdoors. Crook went to his friend's assistance, others who were in the saloon, took sides, and the desperate fight began. "Tony" Cabind, a helper in the saloon, tried to help the bartender, who was raining blows with his club on the heads of his adversaries.

While the struggle was at its height Tudor, it is declared, pulled a revolver from his pocket, but before he had a chance to use it, Crook grabbed the weapon from his hand, raised it and shot Fay in the neck. The uproar was heard in the street, and a crowd gathered bringing with it Policeman Grant, of the East Eighty-eighth-st. station, who arrested Crook. Crook entered the saloon with George Tudor,

DEATH ENDS MAN HUNT.

WOULD-BE BURGLAR, CAUGHT, FIGHTS FOR

[BY TELEGRAPH TO THE TRIBUNE.] Wales, Mass., March 8.—This town was the cene of an exciting man hunt this morning, in which Frank Gregoire, a well known character i town, was shot by Officer Thomas, of Palmer, while he was trying to avoid arrest on a charge of burg-Gregolre died within a few hours after-The pursuit, capture and killing of Gregoire

Yesterday morning the home of Isaiah Hiscock, an aged and wealthy resident, was entered by a masked stranger, who selzed Mrs. Hiscock and placed his hand over her mouth to prevent an clarm, and attempted to choke her into silence In the struggle Mrs. Hiscock was thrown to the floor, but managed to scream and attract the attenof her husband. The burglar took to the woods, and the neighbors, summoned by Mr. Hiscock, organized a man hunt and scoured the neigh-borhood. It was learned that Gregoire had passed along the road to the village in the morning with his fur cap pulled down over his eyes, his overcoat collar turned up and a muffler concealing the lower part of his face. He was the only person who had passed over the main road from the scene

who had passed over the main road from the scene of the attempted burgiary.

Deputy Sheriffs Northrup and Bills and Officer Thomas, of Paimer, were sent to aid in the hunt, and, with Justice McFarland, and Constables Thompson and Squires, of Wales, went to the house of Edward Dunham, where Gregoire boarded. This was about 3 o'clock this morning. Deputy Sheriff Northrup entered the house while the others guarded the outside. When Northrup entered his room Gregoire leaped through the window head foremost, landing on his head on the ground, sixteen feet below. Gregoire jumped up, but was seized by Thomas. In the struggle which followed Gregoire managed to break away, and the officer fired two shots in the air to scare him. Thomas finally overhauled Gregoire and got a grip on his shoulder, and another struggle ensued, the prisoner fighting viciously for freedom. In warding off his blows Thomas struck at Gregoire with his revolver, which was accidentally discharged, the builtet entering Gregoire's head. Gregoire remained unconscious four hours, dying about 7 o'clock this morning.

OFFERINGS AT THE STORES.

SIEGEL-COOPER CO. Sixth-ave. and Eighteenth st., offer a new stock of skirts for women, made of cheviots, canvas, etamine, veilings, silks and othe materials. They offer all kinds of novelties for Easter, such as eggs and paper and cloth animals HAHNE & CO., Newark, N. J., announce their

LE BOUTILLIER BROTHERS, West Twenty third-st., are offering special bargains in house keeping linens, also in broken sizes and soiled lot of table cloths and napkins at half the regular

and Fifth-ave, announce a clearing up sale of im-GEO. C. FLINT & CO., Nos. 43, 45 and 47 West Twenty-third-st., are offering bargains in furniture for summer homes.

ave, are offering for spring wear a variety of effective designs in trimmed hats and bonnets. Special offerings will be made in the silk department to-morrow, also choice selections in Oriental and domestic rugs. On Monday and Tuesday will be added to their stock fifty Turkish and India rugs in desirable colors at reduced prices.

R. J. HORNER & CO., Nos. 61, 63 and 65 West I wenty-third-st, announce a special exhibit of brass bedsteads in exclusive patterns. BEST & CO., Nos. 60 and 62 West Twenty-third-

st., offer their line of new spring styles in both wool and wash fabrics. JAMES P. SILO, auctioneer, at the Fifth Avenue

ARLES F. Silvo, auchoneer, at the Fith Avenue Art Galleries. No. 336 Fifth-ave., gives notice of a sale of portraits of women by artists of the Eng-lish. Dutch and French schools, to be held on Wednesday and Thursday next at 8 p. m. The col-lection will be on free exhibition daily until then. EHRICH BROS., Sixth-ave, and Twenty-third-st, announce a special sale of silks to be held to-

nounce their spring opening in millinery, compris-ing the latest Parisian novelties and their own creations. ABRAHAM & STRAUS, Brooklyn, are making

special offerings in carpetings, furniture and up-holsterings. Some choice patterns in spring carpets have just been received, and to-morrow they will offer some special bargains. Their new stock also includes some fine rugs, bureaus, pillows, Oriental goods and lace curtains. ARNOLD, CONSTABLE & CO., Broadway and

ing, summer and white sliks and satins for wed-Nineteenth-st., will display some fine Lyons, even

THE GRAND RAPIDS FURNITURE CO. Nos. 155 and 157 West Thirty-fourth-st., are offering a line of bureaus, beds and toilet dressers of a quiet design.

now showing their entire importations of high class colored and black dress fabrics. In their silk de partment they have some high grade goods from Paris. Included in their general stock are some women's tailor made suits and shirt walsts. Their shoe department is showing the newest styles in Colonial, Puritan and Oxford ties.

their closing out sale of several patterns of dinner ware at a considerable reduction. These special goods are now on display in the middle section of store No. 54, and must be disposed of within the week.

trifling.
6:00 a. m.—One-hundred-and-fifty-nintn-st. and Grant-ave: New-Haven and Boston and Albany railroads;
Pullman car; \$12.000.
10:00 a. m.—No. 1,463 Madison-ave.; William Wronkow;
\$1.000

10:10 a. m.—No. 48 East One-hundred-and-first-st.; Thomas Klons; \$300. 12:25 p. m.—Eighty-second-st. and Columbus-ave.; Hotel Endicott; \$100. 6:15 p. m.—No. 35 Hester-st.; Morris Balhner; trifling. 6:55 p. m.—No. 34 New-Bowery; Martin Garvey; trifling. 8:00 p. m .- No. 228 Henry-st.; David Gaff; triffing.

SHOT IN SALOON FIGHT

MOTORMAN A PRISONER. Patrick Fay, of No. 210 East Nineteenth-st.,

FREEDOM AND IS ACCIDENTALLY SHOT.

have furnished more excitement than the town has known in many years.

LUDWIG BAUMANN & CO., Eighth-ave. and Thirty-fifth-st., announce a prairie grass exhibit—i display of summer furniture, divans, reading chairs display of summer furniture, divans, reasing chairs, armchairs, rockers, tables, tabarets, hanging mirrors and picture frames in their natural green fibre. They also offer some quaint Dutch and sturdy Mission furniture in weathered oak, Bombay novelities, old English masterpieces, and some novelties in marine oak.

fabrics and other things pertaining to women costumes. A special display will be made on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday next.

JOSEPH D. M'HUGH & CO., Forty-second-st

B. ALTMAN & CO., Eighteenth-st. and Sixth-

S. KOCH & SONS, West Twenty-third-st., an-

Forty-second-st., between Broadway and Sixth-ave., will sell at reduced prices fur coats, jackets and capes before storing winter stocks.

STERN BROTHERS, West Twenty-third-st., are

HIGGINS & SEITER, Nos. 51, 53 and 55 West Twenty-third-st., announce the continuation of

THE FIRE RECORD YESTERDAY. 2:25 a. m.—No. 20 Bleecker-st.; Rosenblath & Steinberg: \$200.

5:50 a. m.—Nos. 49 and 51 Chrystie-s; James Matlan, trifling.

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John Keating, a night watchman of the New York, New-Haven and Hartford Railroad Com-pany's yards at Mott Haven, discovered early esterday morning that sleeping car No. 2,000 which was on a track in the yards at One-hundred-and-fifty-ninth-st. and Grant-ave., was or fire. He tried to put out the flames, but seeing that it was beyond his power, called Patrolman Ryan, o the Morrisania station, who sent in an alarm. By the time the firemen arrived the blaze had ex-tended to the Pullman palace car Finland, and to two day coaches. All the cars were badly burned before the flames were extinguished. Superin-tendent Humphries, of the yard, estimated the damage at \$15,000. damage at \$15,000.

It is not known what was the cause of the fire but the police and many of the employes of the yard say that it must have been incendary. Act ling on this assumption, the police are looking for the supposed firebus. Superintendent Humphries would not express any opinion on the subject.

TELLS OF MEXICAN EARTHQUAKE.

F. R. KALDENBERG, THE SCULPTOR, SAW MANY EVIDENCES OF THE DISASTER.

Frederick R. Kaldenberg, the sculptor, of No. 95 Fifth-ave., returned to New-York last week from a visit to the mountains of the State of Guerrero, Mexico, where he has gold mining interests, and where William Niven, the New-York mineralogist, where William Niven, the New-Tork mineralogist, discovered a ruined city, with temples, pyramids and the remains of a great population. He had many experiences to relate regarding the recent earthquake there and his trip through the regions

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The earthquake was felt all over Mexico, more or less, but the strongest shock and the greatest damage were sustained in Chipancingo. The city of Iguala, the next largest city to Chipansingo, contains about twenty thousand inhabitants, and for only two years has been in communication by railroad with the outer world. The people there are very primitive, because of their isolation, and while the earthquake there did great damage no lives were lost.

Mr. Niven and I visited more than fifty of the best houses in the town, every one of which was more or less damaged. In most of the houses the ceiling had failen completely, so that the sky could be seen from the parior or sleeping apartment. The houses are all of one story, and instead of repairing them at once the tops have been covered with muslin or gauze.

Passing over the Guerrero Mountains from the Rio Balsas toward Acapulco, thousands of ruins are met with of a prehistoric race that seems to have been far superior to the present Indian inhabitants. There has never been any systematic exploration of these ruins, and were it not for the regularity of the foundations and the stones that have been cemented with mortar no one would ever suspect the real purpose of the stones.

The Indians never dig into these ruins, as they have a superstition against touching them, so there will be plenty of room for future archaeologists to come into these mountains and excavate, and there will be untoid quantities of treasures uncarthed. Almost every Indian village can show some treasure which has been found, such as idols, beads, ornaments of stone, etc.; but they are found by the Indians by accident rather than by design, either in ploughing a little cornield or in digging new graves.

NO ACTION ON THREE PLATOONS. There have been reports recently that the patrol-



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police were determined to use influence with Re-publican politicians to obtain the removal of Police Commissioner Partridge because he abolished the system. There probably is not much danger that the legislature would pass a bill to establish the three platoon system, which was so badly discredthree platoon system, which was so badly discredited, and Republican politicians doubtless would not try to have Commissioner Partridge displaced for doing his duly.

A meeting of the Roundsmen's Benevolent Fund was held yesterday for the purpose of collecting the monthly dues. No action was taken on the three platoon system, as according to the secretary, it was entirely in the hands of the Patrolmen's Association.

men and roundsmen in the police force were get-